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PROTEINS AND ENZYME ACTIVITIES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of Application No. 09/157,808, filed September 17, 1998, allowed, now U.S. Patent No. _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Page 9, the paragraph spanning lines 23-26, has been amended as follows:

--Figures 3(a), (b) and (c) show, schematically, three methods by which a substrate linked to a label and a binding reagent A can be contacted with a cleaving enzyme and a binding reagent B (on a solid phase) so as to form a first product linked to the label and a second product linked to the solid phase (by an A:B linkage).--